

# Heroes of the Washington Area



Brig. Gen. Aaron Bradshaw, Jr.

During an inspection tour of forward positions manned by French troops, Gen. Bradshaw, 49, antiaircraft general with the 5th Army in Italy, was caught in a violent German artillery bombardment. He quickly assumed command of the situation and, with complete disregard of his own safety, directed the French soldiers to cover and summoned an ambulance to evacuate the wounded. For this gallant action he was decorated with a Gold Star in lieu of a second Silver Star.

The general also wears the Legion of Merit and four foreign decorations, including the Croix de Guerre and Honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

The Legion of Merit was awarded for building anti-aircraft defense for ports, airfields and other installations in North Africa, Sicily and Italy from September

1942, to July, 1943. During that period he was chief of the Antiaircraft Section, Allied Force Headquarters, in the North African theater and later assistant to the major general in charge of all antiaircraft and coast defense. He has also been cited for "perfecting the co-ordination with the French and British on all antiaircraft matters."

A native Washingtonian, Gen. Bradshaw is a graduate of Central High School and West Point. He served as an artillery officer in World War I and was on overseas assignment for three and a half years in World War II. His brother, R. L. Bradshaw, lives at 1711 Holly street N.W.

This is one of a series of portraits of our decorated fighting men by Newman Sudduth of The Star's art staff.



Capt. Kenneth A. Walsh, 1228 Newton street N.E., Marine ace, chats with his crew chief as he sits in the cockpit of his new Corsair fighter plane, waiting to go into action. Capt. Walsh, who holds the Congressional Medal of Honor, has 21 enemy planes to his credit.

Marine Corps Photo.



← Coast Guardsman Rosse V. Bean, jr., motor machinist's mate, second class, 3718 North Seventh street, Arlington, who is stationed temporarily at a Central Pacific Coast Guard base, awaiting reassignment to the forward areas.

Coast Guard Photo.



Marine Corp. Robert L. McElfish, 21, Cumberland, Md., as he led his squad in wiping out a machine-gun nest on Okinawa.

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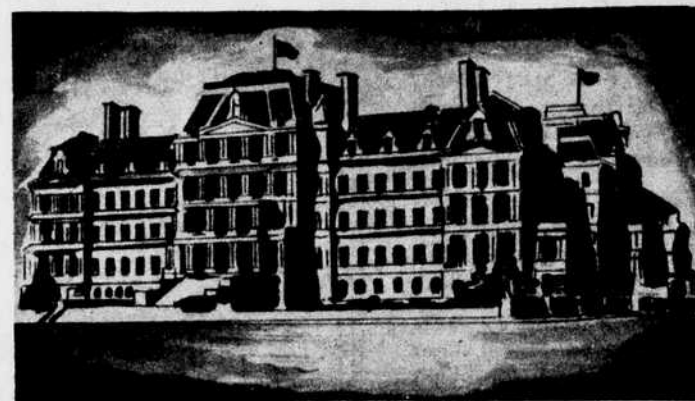


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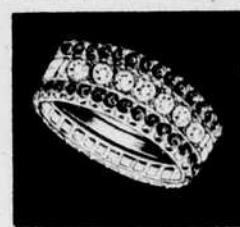
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